

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12
AREA: Oliver

SURVEY NO.: B-3984
MAGI NO.: 0439845608

ADDRESS: 1801-1805 North Bond Street
CURRENT NAME: New Life Missionary Baptist Church

BLOCK: 1102 LOT: 19/21

LOT SIZE: 63 ft. 8 in x 80 ft

HEIGHT:

MATERIALS: Stone

CONDITION: Good

OWNER: New Life Missionary Baptist Church

ADDRESS: 1801 N. Bond Street, 21213

USE: Religious

ACCESSIBLE: Yes

DESIGNATION:

LIBER/FOLIO: RHB 3004-897



HISTORIC NAME: North Baltimore German Methodist Episcopal Church

DATE: 1895

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: L.M. Pritchard & Charles M. Newman/Frederick Decker & Sons

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE): Richardsonian Romanesque

DESCRIPTION:

The North Baltimore German M.E. Church is a stone one-story Richardsonian Romanesque church building erected in 1895 on the northeast corner of East Lafayette Avenue and North Bond Street in east Baltimore. The principal entrance is located in a square tower at the southwest corner of the building, with access to Lafayette Avenue. The exterior walls are in rock-faced ashlar Port Deposit granite. The plan of the church is basically square with the main gable-roofed section on a north-south axis, paralleled by a lower gabled section adjoining on the east. Two perpendicular side gables project from the west elevation. The windows and doors of the building are round-arched, with rectangular side windows flanking the main stained glass windows in the sanctuary in a version of Palladian form. An arcade of lancet windows in the eastern gabled section faces Lafayette Avenue. The tower has a pyramidal slate roof topped by a copper finial. Blind arches outline the louvered belfry openings. Adjoining the church on the east is a two-story, two-bay, granite faced rowhouse which contains the rectory.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: architecture

LEVEL: local

The North Baltimore German M.E. Church is a good example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style in a scaled-down version appropriate to its neighborhood setting. The stonemasonry technique of the exterior walls is also notable. The North Baltimore German M.E. congregation began in a Sunday School started in 1871 on Aisquith Street by the South Baltimore German Methodists. Later moving to Harford Avenue and Lafayette, the Sunday School built a chapel in 1873 (now demolished) and became a separate church in 1874. The present building and rectory were erected in 1895 at a cost of \$11,000. Merging with Broadway German M.E. Church in 1914, the combined groups took the new name First German M.E. Church. In 1944, the name was changed to Lafayette Avenue Methodist Church. From 1954 to 1973, the building was St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, finally becoming the present Baptist Church in 1973.

SOURCES: Land Records; Sun 8-3-1895; 12-2-1895; 12-23-1895; 100th Anniv. Book, Lafayette Avenue Methodist Church

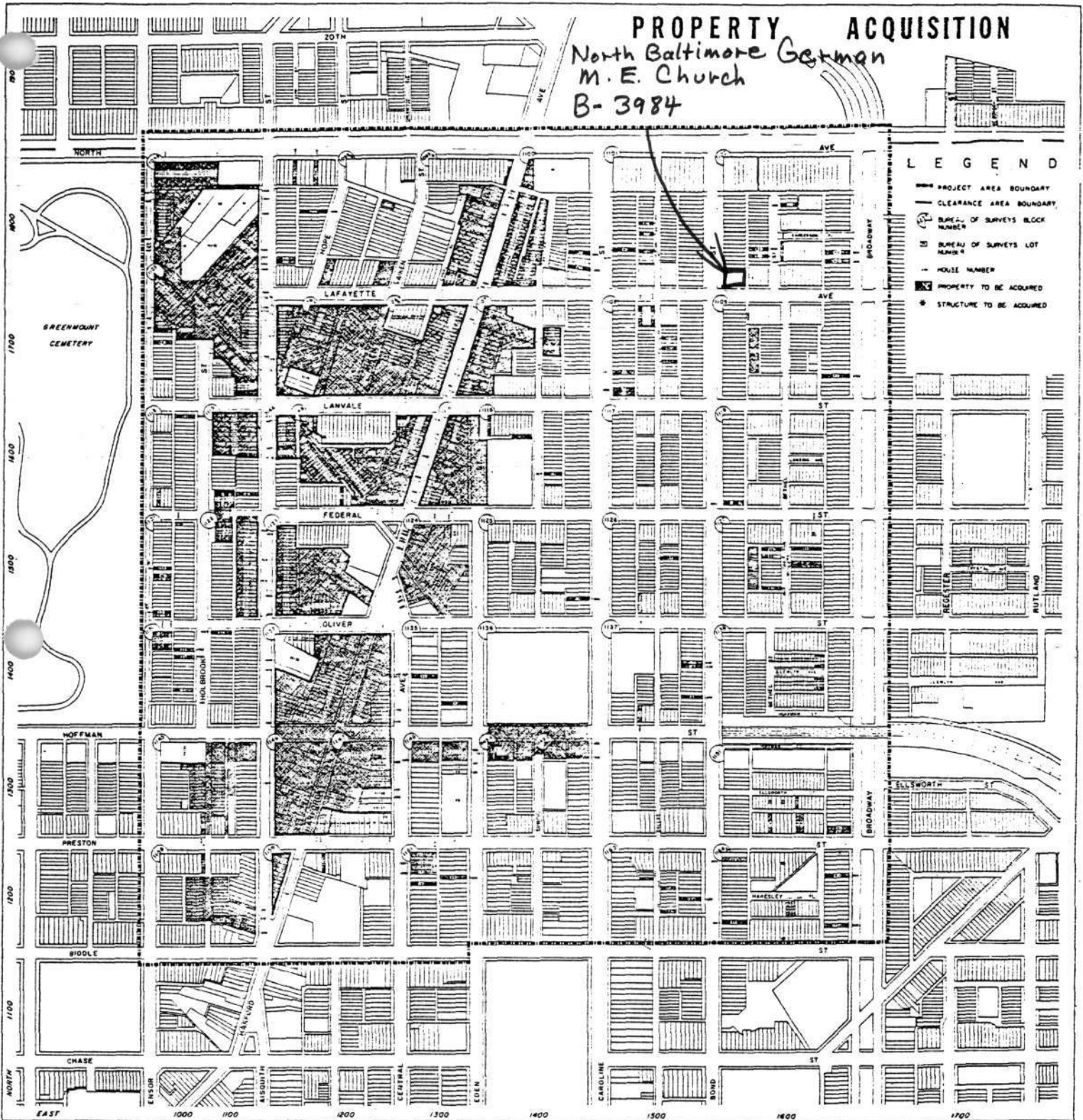
SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet Davis, CHAP, August 1987

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

North Baltimore German
M.E. Church
B-3984

LEGEND

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- CLEARANCE AREA BOUNDARY
- ⊙ BUREAU OF SURVEYS BLOCK NUMBER
- ⊠ BUREAU OF SURVEYS LOT NUMBER
- HOUSE NUMBER
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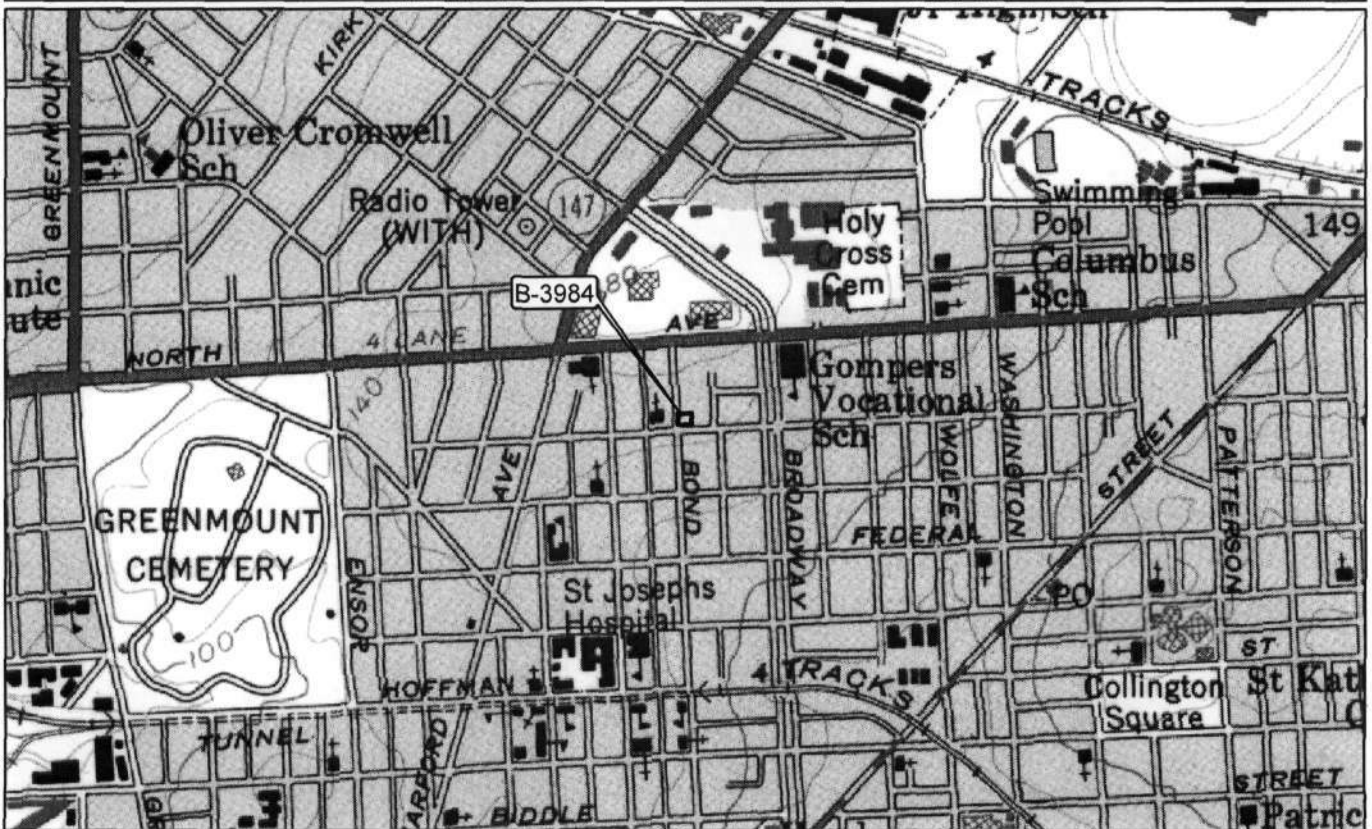


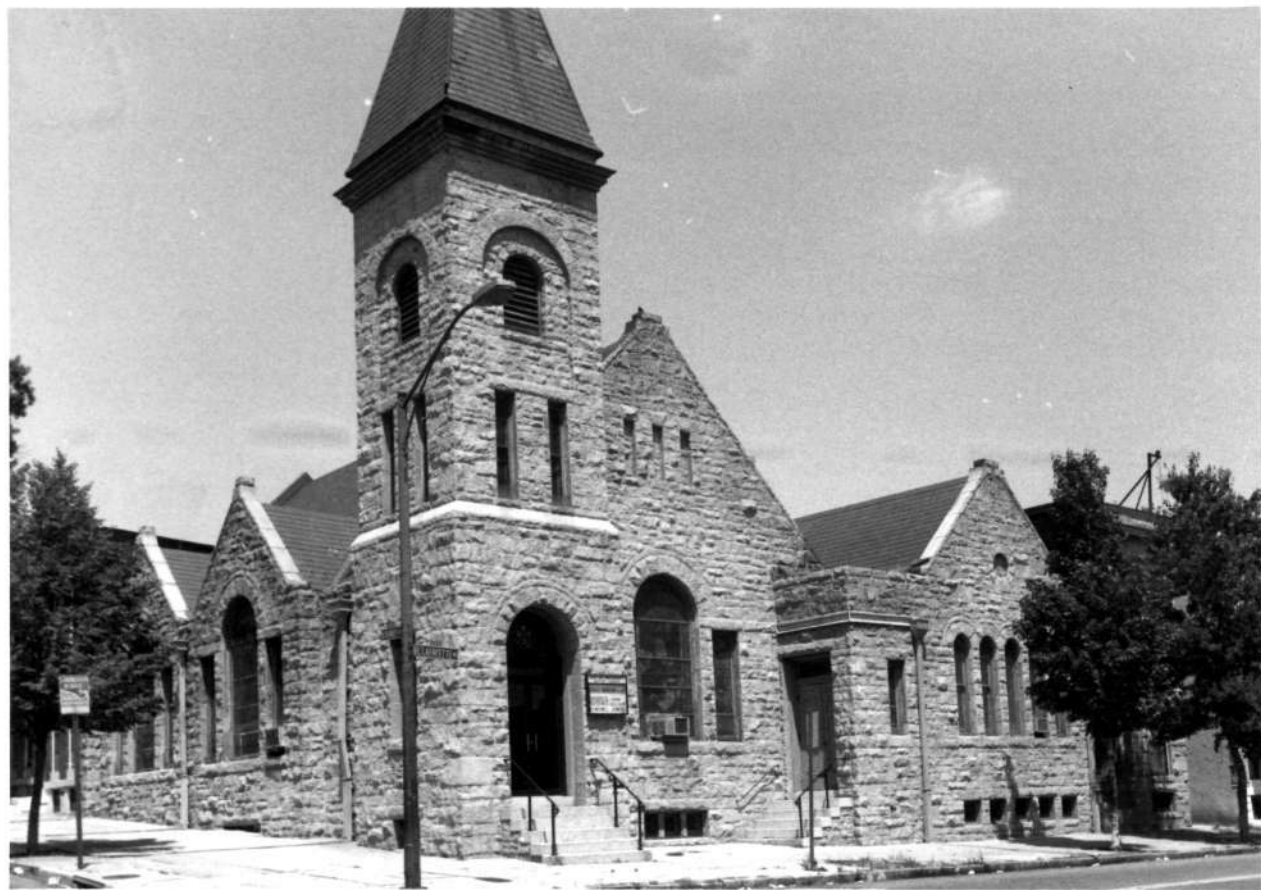
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APPROVED BY: J. H. H. H.		EXHIBIT

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 North Baltimore German Methodist Episcopal Church
 (New Life Missionary Baptist Church)
 1801-1805 N. Bond Street
 Block 1102, Lot 019
 Baltimore City
 Baltimore East Quad.





North Baltimore German M.E. Church

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1801-1805 No. Bond Street

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Photographer: Janet Davis

July 1987

Neg. loc: Md. SHPO

Southwest corner view

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South elevation

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